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1. REPORTS FROM PRESS AND INFORMED OBSERVERS SAY BLACK AND BROWN TURNHALLE DELEGATIONS HAVE DECLARED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF HOLDING ELECTIONS IN SWA PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE UNDER INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION, BUT NOT NECESSARILY UNDER U.N. CONTROL, AND EXTENDING INVITATION TO SWAPO TO COOPERATE WITH TURNHALLE GROUPS IN MOVING SWA PEACEFULLY TOWARD INDEPENDENCE.

2. COLORED DELEGATE A.J. KLOPPERS SAID WORK ON

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SPELLING OUT DETAILS OF MULTIRACIAL INTERIM GOVERNMENT

WAS PROCEEDING APACE. HE THOUGHT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD SERVE NOTICE SOON THAT AN INDEPENDENT SWA WOULD SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, AND THAT THE STATE SHOULD BE " WESTERN, CHRISTIAN, AND DEMOCRATIC, FOLLOWING A POLICY ON NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS".

3. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE WHITE DELEGATION EXPRESSED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPAL WITH THE IDEA OF HOLDING ELECTIONS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. CORRESPONDENTS SPECULATED THAT IN THE DAYS AHEAD SEVERAL OTHER STEPS WOULD BE ENDORSED BY THE CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE, INCLUDING:

(A) CONSENSUS ON THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF SOME FORM OF INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION;

(B) DECISION ON A FIRM DATE, POSSIBLY JUNE 30,1977, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT;

(C) EXTENSION OF A FORMAL INVITATION TO SWAPO TO JOIN IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING THE TERRITORY PEACEFULLY TOWARD INDEPENDENCE.

4. AT MULTIRACIAL MEETING EVENING SEPTEMBER 1 IN WINDHOEK, HELD TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING OF TURNHALLE TALKS, DIRK MUDGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE, IS REPORTED TO HAVE ADDRESSED SWAPO IN SAY " COME AND THROW YOUR WEIGHT BEHIND THESE PEOPLE" (TURNHALLE DELEGATES). REFERRING TO " THOSE OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY WHO KILL", MIDGE ADDED, " DON'T MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR US TO KILL YOU... THERE IS ANOTHER WAY."

5. SEPARATELY, CHIEF MINISTER OF OVAMBOLAND NDJOBA IS REPORTED TO HAVE APPEALED TO THE UNITED NATIONS, INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, AND OTHERS FOR ASSISTANCE AND INTERVENTION TO PREVENT " A MASS MURDER" OF SWAPO DISSIDENTS LET NY ANDREAS SHIPENGA AND SOLOMON MIFINA. DISSIDENTS WERE ARRESTED SOME WEEKS AGO BY ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES AND SWAPO LEADER NUJOMA HAS SAID THEY WOULD BE TRIED AND APPROPRIATELY PUNISHED BY A SWAPO TRIBUNAL, BRANDING THEM AS AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM AND OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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6. SWAPO PUBLICITY SECRETARY DANIEL TJONGARERO SAID THAT THOUGH THE INTERNAL WING OF SWAPO WOULD PURSUE ITS NON-VIOLENT COURSE, THERE COULD BE NO GUARANTEE THAT TIME WOULD NOT RUN OUT AND THEY WOULD " OPT FOR THE SWORD". AFFIRMING THAT THE POLICY OF THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL WINGS OF SWAPO WERE THE SAME, EXCEPT FOR THE MEANS TO BE USED IN ATTAINING LIBERATION , TJONGARERO SAID THAT ANY CHANGES OF POLICY DECIDED ON BY THE NATIONAL

EXECUTIVE OF SWAPO WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE
EXTERNAL WING. SWAPO WAS NOT THE ONLY POLITICAL FORCE
IN THE COUNTRY, TJONGARERO ADDED, BUT THAT THE UN HAD
GIVEN SWAPO THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIBERATING THE
PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA.
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